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EXPAND SOCIALIZED HEALTH AND WELFARE PROJECTS

SOCIAL WELFARE GROUP REPORTS 1949 OPERATIONS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 99,  
 28 Apr 50

Contributions to the People's Solidarity [Volkssolidaritaet, a welfare or-  
 ganization supported by the people] in 1949 amounted to 45 million Deutsche marks.  
 The organization has raised 279,513,984 Deutsche marks since it has come into  
 existence.

According to a report on operations during 1949, cash sums distributed to  
 new citizens, returnees, and other needy persons in Soviet Zone Germany amounted  
 to 8.5 million Deutsche marks. The organization also financed the construction  
 and maintenance of children's homes, day nurseries, maternity hospitals, and homes  
 for nursing mothers and infants and for disabled persons.

During the period reported, 65,303 children were given 4-6 weeks' vacations  
 in rest centers of the People's Solidarity.

Travelers' aid in the railroad stations in the German Democratic Republic  
 is one of the organizations's important activities. Shelters and information  
 booths, which are staffed by volunteer personnel and operate 24 hours a day, have  
 been set up in 49 railroad stations throughout East Germany.

The organization also sponsors 1,094 sewing rooms, 219 shoemakers' shops,  
 34 carpenter shops, 25 tailor shops, and 43 other shops and enterprises of vari-  
 ous types.

SIMPLIFY DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS -- Tribuene, No 38, 16 May 50

Divorce proceedings have been simplified in the German Democratic Republic.  
 The parties need not be represented by counsel but may establish direct contact  
 with the judge, who is empowered to dissolve the marriage in a single proceeding.  
 The judge also will regulate financial arrangements between husband and wife,  
 settle custody of children, and determine an equitable division of household  
 goods.

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As heretofore, divorce proceedings will be initiated by filing a complaint. The party suing for divorce may submit his own version of the complaint, verbally or in writing, to the Legal Aid Office of the court having jurisdiction over the district in which the spouses have, or last had, joint residence. The Legal Aid Office will process the petition in the prescribed form.

Under the new system, the cost of proceedings will be reduced to one-fourth of the former costs.

SLATE TB VACCINATIONS FOR NOVEMBER -- Das Volk, No 98, 27 Apr 50

A conference of scientists and doctors who are participating in the tuberculosis vaccination program of the German Democratic Republic was held in Jena recently. The conferees discussed in detail vaccine production and control, tuberculin tests, and who should carry out the vaccination project. It was decided to initiate the program in the beginning of November 1950.

BRANDENBURG INCREASES SOCIALIZED MEDICINE -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 30, 4 Feb 50

The number of physicians in the public service of Land Brandenburg increased 12 percent during the current year, and that of midwives 67 percent, compared with 1949.

OPEN NEW CLINIC IN CHEMNITZ -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 96, 25 Apr 50

A modern ear, nose, and throat clinic has been opened in Chemnitz. The hospital has 22 rooms and 65 beds. It will also serve as a clinical training center for young physicians in Land Sachsen.

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